



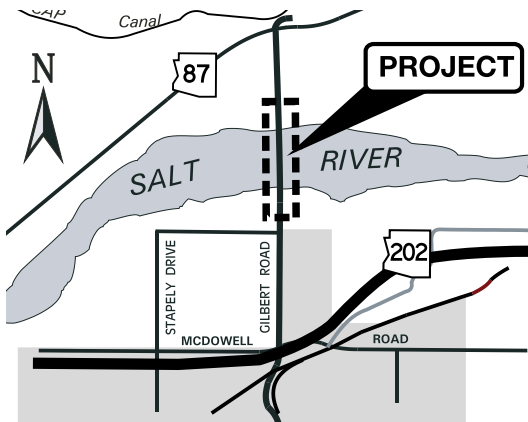
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Gilbert Road at the Salt River Low Flow Crossing Reconstruction Project

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ROADWORK AHEAD



Mesa, AZ---The Maricopa County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has finalized design plans to modify and replace the Salt River low-flow crossing at Gilbert Road and the reopening of the roadway is set for this summer. The low-flow roadway crossing was

initially washed out during heavy flows in December 2007 and repair efforts were hampered when reconstruction was halted in February 2010 when more heavy rains once again forced SRP to release water into the Salt River.

Over the next four weeks, crews will be onsite working to secure and stabilize the existing culvert pipes and constructing a new concrete deck slab overtop to protect the salvaged pipes from any damage that may be caused due to heavy rains and additional SRP water releases into the Salt River channel again this coming spring.

Roadway construction through the river channel is scheduled to begin in May and roadway opening is slated for July.

LOOKING AHEAD!

New Gilbert Road Bridge Crossing of the Salt River Currently Under Design

MCDOT is currently working with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRP-MIC) and the City of Mesa to construct a new six-lane all-weather crossing of Gilbert Road at the Salt River between Thomas Road and SR87 that will carry both south and north-bound traffic and replace both the existing bridge and the interim low-flow crossing with a single bridge structure and approach roadway. Design plans include the building of a new, longer bridge and roadway that will span the Salt River between both roads.

The new roadway will be realigned to tie-in to the existing Gilbert Road at the Thomas Road intersection, and with the recent completion of Gilbert Road widening and improvements between McDowell Road and SR87, very little re-work will be necessary south of Thomas Road. North of Thomas Road, the six-lane alignment will continue across the Salt River to SR 87 where additional intersection improvements will be made.

The new Gilbert Road Bridge and much of the new roadway leading up to the new bridge can be constructed with minimal disruption to traffic, and upon completion, the old bridge structure will be removed along with the existing northbound low-flow crossing lanes through the river bottom.

New bridge construction is funded in part by MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) Regional Transportation Plan (letskeepmoving.org) and coordination efforts are currently underway among the partner jurisdictions to secure additional bridge construction funding.



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Safe Driving Tips:

Inoperative Traffic Light/Power Outage

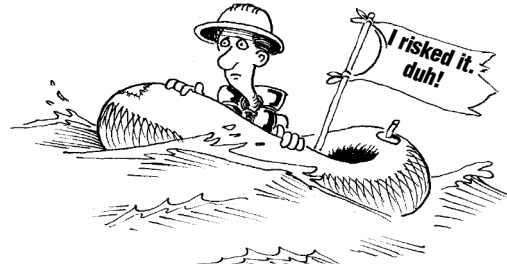
- Treat the intersection just like a four-way STOP!

Flooded Roadway and Washes

- Don't Risk It!
- Never cross a rain-swollen wash
- Do not drive around roadway barriers
- Never underestimate the power and force of water
- A vehicle is NOT a flotation device!

Dust Storms

- Turn your headlights on and slow to a prudent speed
- If you pull off the road, get as far to the right as possible. Turn off the car and headlights, and set the parking brake
- Keep your foot off the brake pedal – other drivers may think you're a car in motion



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